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11. (C) Summary: Senior BP officials believe that the Sangachal energy terminal and offshore platforms are vulnerable to terrorism. As BP Azerbaijan's Views on the Vulnerabilities

12. (C) BP, the operator for the Azerbaijan International Operating Company and associated Baku-Tbilisi-Ceyhan Oil Export Pipeline, believes that the BP also believes that the off-shore platforms are vulnerable to attack. As Schrader has repeatedly told U.S. officials, "all it takes is THE GOAJ SECURITY PLAN

14. (SBU) Coordination of security and contingency planning responsibility rests with the State Committee to Protect Pipelines, headed by the Ministry of Energy. (SBU) The commission holds tabletop exercises/trainings to drill and evaluate their plan on average every six months. The most recent exercise

15. (SBU) Responsibility for security at critical energy infrastructure sites is divided by location. Onshore pipelines and associated structures Onshore Facilities

16. (SBU) Along with the pipeline operators, SSPS is responsible for ensuring the security of the various pipelines in Azerbaijan, to include the Sangachal Terminal. (SBU) The Sangachal Terminal is located approximately three kilometers from the Caspian coast on a broad valley floor encompassing an estimated 1,000 hectares. (SBU) The BTC pipeline begins at the Sangachal Terminal and extends through central Azerbaijan, across Georgia and Turkey, to the port of Ceyhan. (SBU) The Western or Supsa pipeline is a Soviet era line that is approximately 460 kilometers long in Azerbaijan and continues on in Georgia. (SBU) The Novorossiysk or northern pipeline runs parallel to the Caspian coastline up to the Russian border and is approximately 240 kilometers long. (SBU) Azerbaijan moves a small percentage of its oil, currently as much as 140,000 tons a month at peak use, by rail. This amount is expected to increase as the Novorossiysk pipeline is completed. SSPS

12. (SBU) SSPS is the prime protector of onshore energy infrastructure and has invested considerable resources to ensure the protection of critical structures. SSPS has a annual budget of approximately USD 10 million and over 800 personnel dedicated to pipeline security.

13. (SBU) SSPS works closely with the BTC operators (primarily BP) to ensure pipeline security. The routine patrol coverage of the BTC segment is approximately 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

14. (C) As noted above, the Sangachal Terminal presents some serious concerns. BP and SSPS work cooperatively to manage access to the facility and to ensure the security of the terminal. (SBU) SSPS recently conducted joint contingency training exercises in each of its regional areas with pipeline security elements from the Azerbaijan Ministry of Energy and the Caspian Sea Fleet.

16. (C) Protection of offshore energy infrastructure facilities is the responsibility of the Azerbaijani Navy and Coast Guard, although there are some areas where the BP collision avoidance radars. The USG is currently assisting in the refurbishment of five Azerbaijani Coast Guard vessels and upgrades of the BP collision avoidance radars.

17. (SBU) The USG has trained and equipped an Azerbaijani naval commando unit and continues to hone its skills with follow-on exchanges twice a year. (SBU) The head of the SSPS, General Akhundov, outlined what he saw as the problem by contrasting the situation in the Caspian with what he saw in the Persian Gulf.

18. (SBU) The head of the SSPS, General Akhundov, outlined what he saw as the problem by contrasting the situation in the Caspian with what he saw in the Persian Gulf. (S/NF) The vulnerabilities of Azerbaijan's critical energy infrastructure -- particularly at the Sangachal energy terminal and the offshore platforms